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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sam Bhattacharya

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 23-32 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8, 9, 12-15, 18, 19, 22 and 33-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12-15, 18, 19, 22 and 33-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jones (US 6,904,359).

Regarding claims 1, 9, 13, 14 and 19, Jones discloses a mobile system which is mounted on a mobile unit, including a position measuring section 25 for measuring the position of the mobile unit; and a controller 12/16 for determining whether or not continuing the position measuring operation is required after a main operation of the mobile unit has stopped (vehicle is stopped) and for controlling the position measuring section to continue the position measuring operation after stopping a the main operation when the position measuring operation is required. See FIG. 1 and col. 9, lines 44-65.

Regarding claims 2 and 3, Jones discloses a positioning stopper for stopping the position measuring operation under the control of the controller, where the positioning stopper comprises a clock section 24 which starts the clocking after stopping the main operation. See col. 23, lines 1-5. See col. 9, lines 18-25.

Regarding claim 4, Jones discloses an operation stop detector for detecting the stop of the main operation; wherein the operation stop detector is provided on a power line for supplying an electric power to the mobile system. See FIG. 10, col. 4, lines 34-54 and col. 14, lines 46-65.

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Jones discloses that the controller determines that continuing the position measuring operation is required after the main operation has stopped when the mobile system moves after the main operation has stopped. See FIG. 13 and col. 17, lines 38-56.

Regarding claims 8 and 18, Jones discloses that the controller determines that continuing the position measuring operation is required after the main operation has stopped when a substantial amount of time would be required for the position measuring section to reacquire position data to measure the position of the mobile system once the main operation is resumed. See FIG. 19, col. 5, lines 32-52 and col. 9, line 66 – col. 10, line 13.

Regarding claims 12 and 22, Jones discloses that the controller instructs the position measuring section to stop performing the position measuring operation after the main operation has stopped when the position measuring operation is not required. See col. 11, lines 30-50.

Regarding claims 33 and 34, Jones discloses that the main operation of the mobile unit is stopped when the main operative power for the mobile unit is turned off by a user. See FIG. 48 and col. 28, line 17 – col. 29, line 23.

Regarding claims 35 and 36, Jones discloses that the controlling of the position measuring section to continue the position measuring operation after stopping the main operation is performed while the main operation is stopped. See col. 28, line 17 – col. 29, line 23.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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4. Claims 23-32 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the claims are objected to or allowed for the reasons stated in the previous Office action.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed on 4/13/06 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Bhattacharya whose telephone number is (571) 272-7917. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays, 9-6, with first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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